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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: PETER BAUMANN ET AL. - 2 (PCT) (DIV)

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TITLE: LIQUID FILTER, ESPECIALLY AN OIL FILTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP DIVISIONAL Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.